

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 177

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A RESOLUTION to designate October 1, 2005 as "Country Ham Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, as residents of the Hog and Hominy State, Tennesseans have long been partial to that Southern porcine delicacy known as country ham; and

WHEREAS, one of the original Southern Comfort foods, country ham truly epitomizes what people love about the South, its culture, and its many culinary delights; and

WHEREAS, for generations and generations, Tennesseans have been salt-curing, smoking and aging some of the most delectable country hams known to mankind; and

WHEREAS, for generations and generations, Tennesseans, and even Yankees, have delighted their taste buds by consuming country ham in massive quantities; and

WHEREAS, as any discerning diner knows, there is nothing quite like the smell of country ham being fried in the morning, or in the afternoon or evening; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of country ham and its many delicious qualities, the second annual Spring Hill Country Ham Festival will be held at the Historic Rippavilla Plantation on Saturday, October 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, this fun-filled family fete will feature a kids zone, arts and crafts, exhibits, live music, and a fiercely contested competition to identify the tastiest country ham; and

WHEREAS, the Spring Hill Country Ham Festival has benefited greatly from the generosity of the National Country Ham Association which has donated country hams to make the signature sandwich for this sumptuous gala; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to join in this worthy celebration of the proud pig and its unique contribution to fine cuisine via the country ham; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that in recognition of the salty succulence of country ham and its prominent role in Southern heritage and in celebration of the second annual Spring Hill Country Ham Festival, this General Assembly hereby designates October 1, 2005 as "Country Ham Day" and encourages the festival's organizers to have a large supply of potable water on hand.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this General Assembly that the first Saturday in October should henceforth be celebrated as "Country Ham Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.